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SURVEY of ALASKAN COMMUNITIES
Board of National Missions-Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

MAY 31 1946

Date May 18,1946.

Name of Village or City: Metlakatla ,Alaska.

Population: Seven Hundred (700)
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: Mostly industrious.Very self confident,inclined to spend their money too fre ly.

Language of people: English- Tsimshean

Churches: (name and size) Duncan Memorial Church 200;Presbyterian-225.

Schools: Kind Day school

Number of Grades Through the nineth grade

Quality of work Room for great improvement

Stores: Kind $ general stores;two fountains; two groceries.

Extent of stock Somewhat limited, though very good

Prices: Milk $5.75 a case Eggs .75¢ dozen

Butter .65¢ pound Fresh goods .25¢ per pound

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Seasonal.

Most people employed during fishing season

Outstanding interests of people: There seems to be a growing interest on part of young people for education; to fit themselves for something better than common village life.

Community organizations: A.F ofL Union; Boys Scout Troop; and organizations connected with the churches.

Appearance of community: It is improving.Young married people are building better homes; men are securing better boats.

Problems of community: Control of liquor trade; health of children; ye arly employment; Recreation for community,especailly for children.

Transportation service and cost: Ketchikan is port of communication to outside. 14 miles distant.We reach it by fishing boat when they are available $1.00 round trip. Plane service $5.00 passanger. Boat charter to Ketchikan $20.00

Needs of community: Better law enforcement.More adequate health supervision.

(signed) A. D. Swagger.

Unit of Work in Alaska

Source of information.

Minister for 12 yrs.

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Date May 20, 1946

Name of Village or City: Wrangell, Alaska

Population: 1200 - 25% Indian, various tribes - very little (With proportion of races and seasonal migrations) compared to some Alaskan towns

Racial characteristics: white folks have pioneer qualities of carelessness of convention + religion - Indians have childlike qualities of instability

Language of people: mainly English, some Thlinget

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian 106 Catholic 50 Episcopal 25 Assembly of God 20 Salvation Army 12

Schools: Kind Territorial (mixed white & native) - Federal (Wrangell Institute limited to children of some native blood) / Junior & Senior High School

Number of Grades 12 grades / Junior & Senior High School

Quality of work fair / fair

Stores: Kind grocery, hardware, drug, liquor, bakery, clothing, most

Extent of stock 3/4 of normal requirements can be bought

Prices: Milk fresh, 25¢ qt. Eggs 85¢ doz

Butter 65¢ lb Fresh goods lettuce 25¢ head

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): permanent, only the jobs to keep a town going; seasonal, salmon & shrimp canneries, Ketchikan pulp mill getting started

Outstanding interests of people: fishing, hunting

5 lodges

Community organizations: Women's club, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross,

Appearance of community: old native quarters messy; shopping district, pretty good; newer homes, very good

Problems of community: liquor, teen age immorality - adult indifference to immorality - not enough permanent work

Transportation service and cost: church competition irregular bus 5 miles out the road, 25¢ each way - boat fare to Seattle $50.00 weekly

Needs of community: better policing - better teen age amusement, better homes - more church cooperation

(signed) Mrs. J. L. Webster

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Date May 22 nd. I946

Name of Village or City: Klukwan, Alaska.

Population: Approx. about one hundred
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics:

Language of people: English and Thlinget

Churches: (name and size) The Presbyterian Church about 6nor 7 Greeks

Schools: Kind U.S. Government Shhool under the Alaska Native Servic

Number of Grades about eight

Quality of work

Stores: Kind Groceries

Extent of stock Limited

Prices: Milk I5¢ per can straight Eggs 85¢ per doz.

Butter 80¢ per lb. Fresh goods fresh tomatoes.46 per

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Fishing in the summer trapping furs in the winter

Outstanding interests of people: Religion and worship services and the improvement of their town.

Community organizations: Alaska Native Brotherhood the A.N.Sisterhood the Womens Missionaty Society and the Presbyterian Church Choir.

Appearance of community: Fair

Problems of community: Liquor has been the problem for some time but has been solved for a while for how long remains to be seen.

Transportation service and cost: Via a Mail boat or Plane service and the Princeton Hall our Missionary boat.

Needs of community: oue Church needs a recreation center very very badly.

(signed) C.E.Peck Layman

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Source of information.

Rev. Alwin E. Gall,
Hydaburg, Alaska.

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Date May 23, 1946.

Name of Village or City: Hydaburg, Alaska

Population: 325, with a slight variety in summer and winter
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: pure natives are the minority, most of them are mixed, or even of mixed parentage

Language of people: Haida is still spoken by the older people, all speak and understand the English lang.

Churches: (name and size) Haydaburg Presbyterian (Native) Church, 185 members

Schools: Kind "Government School" (Kindergarten incl.)

Number of Grades eight grades

Quality of work some pupils do well in certain subjects, sewing, drawing if the necessary guidance is there. But average is far below standard

Stores: Kind Cooperative native store, very inefficiently managed and very poorly stocke more interested in getting "nylons" than sound food for natives

Extent of stock very limited

Prices: Milk 30¢ per qrt. Eggs 85¢ per doz.

Butter haven't seen any for 2 months! Fresh goods available at very irregular intervals

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): fishing, hunting, trapping, logging - all seasonal.

Outstanding interests of people: there are interests, but they are not outstanding

a man's highest ambition seems to be to become owner of a boat (by governm't. loa

Community organizations: Alaska Native Brotherhood, Alaska Native Sisterhood, Red Cross

Appearance of community: dilapidated, both, as far as houses and surroundings are concerned, only a very few people seem to take interest and pride in keeping their property in good condition

Problems of community: absence of a real, working community spirit and pride, clanish factions causing petty jealousies, making ineffectual and impossible real leadership, killing ambition

Transportation service and cost: weekly mail boat from Ketchikan to Wrangel, $12. to either point from here, Ellis Air Lines, Ketchikan. Fare to K. from here $17.40, which we think is excessive for a 35 minutes' run.

Needs of community: an invigorating, rejuvenating community spirit, which, of course, is on the exact opposite of a sluggish, indifferent, "happy-go-lucky" native mentality.

(signed) Alwin E. Gall
Source of information.

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↓ see attached letter

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MAY 28 1946

Hydaburg, Alaska, May 23, 1946.

Board of National Missions,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Today I wrote and sent to your office the report on Alaska communities, a questionaire which was sent to me a few days ago. As I think it over it occurs to me that I may have forgotten to sign it at the bottom, I am not sure about it. Will you, please, excuse me if it went away unsigned. I am fully responsible for everything I wrote.

Sincerely yours,

Alwin E. Gall.

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Board of National Missions-Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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Date May 24, 1946

Name of Village or City: Haines, Alaska

Population: Between 200 and 300. About 60-40 in favor of whites. Whites (With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)
are moving in as the Highway shows signs of opening up.

Racial characteristics: Thlingets are suspicious, sullen, bitter with individual exceptions. Whites as a class are pretty low. Malicious gossip, drinking, many irreligious and ~~some anti-religious~~.

Language of people: English and thinglet

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian, membership 80

Schools: Kind Territorial School and government school for natives

Number of Grades Territorial School - 12 grades, Gove't school 7 grades

Quality of work fair to good. Fundamentals O. K., not many fancy trimmings.

Stores: Kind hardware, 3 groceries, drug store, 2 taverns, barber shop

Extent of stock poor

Prices: Milk 25¢ qt. Eggs 70¢ a doz.

Butter 80¢ a lb. Fresh goods Practically impossible to get. lettuce 25¢ head

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Seasonal: fishing, salmon cannery, road construction work. Permanent: Practically nothing except service employment such as stores and school teaching.

Outstanding interests of people: None of a general community nature.

Community organizations: Woman's Club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Alaska Native Brotherhood, Alaska Native Sisterhood

Appearance of community: Typically Alaskan. Some good houses. A lot of shacks. Many unpainted or needing paint.

Problems of community: Liquor, broken homes, intoxicating drinks, low sex morals, alcoholic beverages, race prejudice and mixture of two cultures They leave our groceries sitting on the Seattle dock to make room for more

Transportation service and cost: Small boat service once a week to Skag- liquor. way and Juneau. Intermittent plane service to Juneau. Promise of great improvement with opening of highway to Fairbanks. $16 to Juneau by boat. $21 to Juneau by plane.

Needs of community: Haines is socially pagan. Basic need is for birth of religious faith. Much racial misunderstanding and tension. More rigid control of drink. Social life needs improvement. Cultural development needed.

(signed) Kenneth F. Frost, Pastor

Unit of Work in Alaska

Source of information.

At the present time Haines is in a very fluid state. The opening of the Alaska Highway to Fairbanks changes the picture radically. Two families have moved in recently expecting rapid development of the community. A bus line is being established with a regualr schedule between Haines and Fairbanks. There will likely be improved boat service between Haines and Juneau. If this development goes through the whole social picture of Haines will change.

Ketchikan

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Date: May 25, 1946

Name of Village or City: Ketchikan

Population: 7000, including 6000 whites, 800 Indians (Thlingit, Haida, and Tsimpshean), 100 negroes, 100 Philipinos, 25 Japanese, 25 Aleuts, and during the summer months several thousand Philipinos come up to work in the canneries, while all do not stay in Ketchikan, they all come through here and spend some time here going and coming and on week-ends.

Racial characteristics: White, Indian, Negro, Philipino, Japanese, Aleut

Language of people: English, Norwegian, German, Thlingit, Haida, Tsimpshean, Japanese, Aleut, 3 Philippine dialects.

Churches: (name and size)

Roman Catholic	425
Methodist	308
Lutheran	231
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal (Tsimpshean)	150
St. John's Episcopal (White)	134
Seventh Day Adventist	50
Presbyterian	49
Christian Science	48
Salvation Army	38
Church of Christ (without piano)	25
Church of Christ (with piano)	20
Assembly of God	19
Jehovah's Witnesses	2
Total	1499
Unchurched	5561

Schools: Bureau of Native Affairs School

Number of Grades: 6

Quality of work: mediocre

Territorial schools (2 grade schools, 1 Junior High, 1 Senior High)

Number of Grades: 12

Quality of work: excellent in academic studies, weak on the vocational side.

Stores: Kind:

Bakeries	3
Banks	2
Building Materials	2
Soda Fountains	6
Ladies Clothing	5
Men's Clothing	6
Coal	1
Curios and Novelties	8
Department Stores	2
Drug Stores	4
Dry Goods	3
Electric Shops	5
Engines - Marine	4
Fishermen's Supplies	2
Florists	2
Furniture Stores	2
Grocery Stores	8
Hardware Stores	6
Jewelry Stores	2
Liquor Stores	28
Fish Market	1
Meat Markets	4
Music Shops	2
Oil Dealers	3
Paint and Paper Stores	6
Photo Shops	5
Plumbing Shops	4
Stationey Store	1
Book Store	1
Needlework Shop	1
Sporting Goods	3

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Tailor Shops 3

Tire Shops 4

Tobacco Stores 4

Wire and Wire Netting 2

There is nothing on the market that cannot be bought in Ketchikan.

Prices: Milk, 23¢ a quart

Butter, ?

Eggs, 75¢ a dozen

Fresh goods:

2 bunch carrots	25¢
cabbage	17¢
lettuce	25¢
2# tomatoes	70¢
bunch celery	57¢
box of pease	35¢
2# yams	30¢
box cherries	60¢
doz. oranges	65¢
cauliflower	25¢
bunch asparagus	30¢
2# onions	25¢
6 apples	28¢

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Fishing is the big industry. Trolling 11 months of the year, regular salmon season for traps, purse seiners, canneries, 6 weeks. Logging - 12 months of the year. Lumber mill - 12 months of the year.

Outstanding interests of people: Drinking, movies, dancing, music, skiing, boating.

Community organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Community Chorus, Community Orchestra, Community Male Chorus, Recreation Council, Rotary, Lions, Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Eagles, Moose, Red Men, Alaska Native Brotherhood, Alaska Native Sisterhood, Knight of Columbus, AAUW, PEO, and kindred auxiliaries. Ministerial Association, Youth for Christ, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Appearance of community: Congested, shacky, but improving.

Problems of community: $6 million spent here on liquor a year, juvenile delinquency, prostitution, race prejudice.

Transportation service and cost: Alaska Steamship Co., Alaska Transportation Co., Canadian National Steamship Co., Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., McKay Transportation Co., Northland Transportation Co. --fare to Seattle, $45. PAA fare to Seattle, $75. ELLIS and Ketchikan Air Service. Local boat companies for short trips.

Needs of community: Housing, recreational facilities, expansion, more adequate school facilities, street repair and expansion, [illegible].

(Signed) Edward D. Freeman
Source of information.

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SURVEY OF ALASKAN COMMUNITIES May 29, 1946

GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND

Population: Two hundred and sixty nine (269)

Racial characteristics: Eskimo

Language of people: Eskimo

Churches: (Name and size) Presbyterian

Schools: Kind Public
Number of grades Eight
Quality of work Good

Stores: Kind - Native

Extent of stock Ten or twelve thousand dollars

Prices: Milk: 30 cents a can
Eggs: not carried
Butter: Not carried
Fresh goods Impossible

Employment of people (Permanent and seasonal): Four at the Public school and two to five at C.A.A.(seaonal)

Outstanding interes of people: Hunting and trapping, also ivory carving

Community organizations: Church, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor and the Alaska Territorial Guard.

Appearance of community: Good. Village is neat. houses painted and streets kept fairly clean.

Problems of community: Transportation and Hospitalization. Illness of T.B.

Transportation service and cost: Dog sled, small boat by natives. Freight boat once a year. Air express and mail plane, costly.

Needs of community: Hospital and a doctor

(Signed) Elmer E. Parker, Missionary
(Source of information)

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Board of National Missions-Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Date May 29 1946

Name of Village or City: Gambell, St. Lawrence Island.

Population: Two hundred sixty-nine (269)
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: Eskimo

Language of people: Eskimo

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian

Schools: Kind Public

Number of Grades Eight

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Needs of community: Hospital and a Doctor

(signed) Elmer E. Parker

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Source of information.
Missionary

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Date May 30, 1946

Name of Village or City: Craig, Alaska

Population: 300 - (not white & native including breeds)
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: Two tribes represented by Indians - Thlingets & Haidas with white blood in varying proportions.

Language of people: English. Some Indians speak native dialects.

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian-53 resp. - Christ-25. Seventh Day Adventist-15. Assembly of God (Pentecostal) just started.

Schools: Kind - Territorial. Orphanage run by Church of Christ.

Number of Grades 8

Quality of work High standards

Stores: Kind Grocery & general merchandise, liquors, Restaurants & cocktail bars

Extent of stock Good

Prices: Milk 25¢ qt fresh 15¢ can Eggs 75¢ & 85¢ (doz)

Butter 70¢ Fresh goods High prices & often sold.

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Limited - seasonal - tapping of trees & canning (one month) (one month) liquors. King salmon, halibut & herring running April to Sept.

Outstanding interests of people: liquor & movies

Community organizations: Masonic, Eastern Star, Lions, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce. City Council.

Appearance of community: Fair. Plank sidewalks - only one main street - graveled. Many houses poorly constructed. Boats & trees & stumps over much of area.

Problems of community: T.B. Seven liquor dispensing establishments.

Transportation service and cost: Weekly mailboat - $5.00 to Ketchikan. Plane 17.50 (35 min.) Daily plane service - weather permitting.

Needs of community: Gym & indoor recreational facilities. Heavy rainfall - 152 in. yr. Sewage system. More year round employment. Housing.

(signed) Verne J. Swanson.

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Date May 30, 1946

Name of Village or City: Kyawack (Craig), Alaska

Population: 350 - 98% Thlingit Indians & breeds 2% White. Some (Filipinos) (Whites) in summer.
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: Mostly breeds - Thlingit & white. Very few pure blood Indians left.

Language of people: English - Old folks use Thlingit.

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian 83 - Salvation Army, Small R.C. group.

Schools: Kind Government - Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Number of Grades 8

Quality of work Standards low.

Stores: Kind Grocery & general merchandise.

Extent of stock Good stock

Prices: Milk Fresh - 35¢ qt. canned wt. Eggs Fresh 85¢, ocas.

Butter 70¢ Fresh goods veg - fruit very poor.

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Almost entire, seasonal

Trapping (one month) some years, trolling, fishing (Apr. to Sept. - halibut - May Seining (salmon - July - August.

Outstanding interests of people: Liquor. Motion pictures

Community organizations: Alaska Native Brotherhood & Sisterhood. Town council.

Appearance of community: Very dilapidated. Most houses unpainted. Beach littered with rotting boats.

Problems of community: Much T.B. Too accessible to liquor. Liquor problem ever present. No work except fishing - Craig is only 5± miles away.

Transportation service and cost: Ward's mail boat - $5.00 to Ketchikan. Plane $17.50 (35 min.) Fair plane service - weather permitting. Ketchikan to Seattle cost $50.00, plane $70.00?)

Needs of community: Inside recreational facilities (boys waiting 130 in gym) for both boys & girls & young people. More year round employment

(signed) Verne J. Swanson
Unit of Work in Alaska — Source of information.

5/31/46 Wrote Dept. Interior, Washington, D.C. ✓

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Date May 30 - 46

Name of Village or City: Alaska Highway & Railroad

Population: 500 - 1000
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: whites some, most Indians & Eskimo

Language of people: English

Churches: (name and size) none

Schools: Kind Public

Number of Grades 1-8 — 3 in number

Quality of work good for rural schools

Stores: Kind

Extent of stock

Prices: Milk Eggs

Butter Fresh goods

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal):

Railroad, Highway, Track & Maintenance

Outstanding interests of people: outdoor life

Community organizations: none

Appearance of community: good

Problems of community: liquor & no other recreation
Except Church, Contributions

Transportation service and cost: "Hitch hiking"

Needs of community: Wholesome - Social - Religious Expression
with frequency.

(signed) B J Burgess

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Date May 31, 1946

Name of Village or City: Palmer

Population: village - 400 within 10 miles radius 1200
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: whites — almost 100%

Language of people: English

Churches: (name and size) United Protestant - 80, Church of God - 25, Church of God Full Gospel 25
St. John Lutheran - 30, Catholic - 30, 7th Day Ad. - 30

Schools: Kind Grade + High

Number of Grades 12

Quality of work fully accredited

Stores: Kind all kinds

Extent of stock adequate

Prices: Milk 25¢ quart Eggs $ 1.15 a doz

Butter 75¢ lb. (when can get it) Fresh goods high

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): mostly farming

Outstanding interests of people: agriculture

Community organizations: Grange, Health Council, Legion, Lodges, P.T.A.
4 H, Homemakers, Scouts, Library, Chamber of Commerce,

Appearance of community: on the whole neat + prosperous

Problems of community: lack of cooperation on part of everyone,
too much drinking

Transportation service and cost:

Needs of community: to learn to pull together

(signed) Victor T. Olsen
Source of information.

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Date June 13, 1946

Name of Village or City: Skagway, Alaska.

Population: 500 largely white only six native families (Indian)
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: white

Language of people: English

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian only active Protestant congregation
Pentecostals have small mission

Schools: Kind Territorial, grade school and high school

Number of Grades one through High School 12th

Quality of work good, fine staff and excellent modern building

Stores: Kind three general stores, one drug store

Extent of stock able to supply all needs

Prices: Milk raw only 25¢ quart Eggs 75¢ to 1. 00 a dozen

Butter 60¢ a pound Fresh goods depends on boats

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Permanent, W. P. & Yukon Railroad

Outstanding interests of people: Railroading, some fishing and hunting.

Community organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Eagles, Amer. Legion
Masons and Eastern Stars.

Appearance of community: Due to army occupation gardens have run down.
Town will clean up and paint up in another year or two.

Problems of community: Average small town community problems. Defeatism
they question future of the community, railroad very conservative.

Transportation service and cost: $ 70. 00 from Seattle on boat, friehgt high

Needs of community: Church and its Community Center is now the heart of the spiritual life, needs to be kept central in the life of the community.

(signed) Harold J. Fredell
Source of information.
Pastor 8-Crown 1944 - April 1946

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JUN 24 1946

Date June 17, 1946

Name of Village or City: Cordova, Alaska

Population: 1600 regular 800 additional fishing population
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: About 10% of regular population is Indian. They are for the most part lazy, shiftless, and slow, living loosely.

Language of people: English

Churches: (name and size) Episcopal 10; Catholic 30; Lutheran 14, Presb. 30

Schools: Kind Territorial and Government (Indian Service)

Number of Grades 12 8

Quality of work good low

Stores: Kind allkinds

Extent of stock usually complete, low at present

Prices: Milk .25 - 30 quart Eggs .70 dozen

Butter .67 unavailable at present Fresh goods .40 lb.

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Fishing
small amount of Trapping

Outstanding interests of people: Money, Hunting, Boating

Community organizations: 9 separate lodges, women's club, Chamber of Commerce
Church organizations

Appearance of community: Frontier

Problems of community: Liquor, large transient or floating population
Monopolistic control by outside interests

Transportation service and cost: Taxi service - minimum $1.00

Needs of community: Development of competition in markets and services
New Hospital and better Public Health facilities.

(signed) R. L. Wolfe

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Board of National Missions-Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

JUL 10 1946

Date July 4th, 1946

Name of Village or City: Kasaan, Alaska.

Population: Residents-60 Migratory 11 (Transients-- 150 Cannery season)
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: Indian . Caucasion and Philipino.

Language of people: English

Churches: (name and size) Presbyterian--not organized now--small

Schools: Kind One-government-grade

Number of Grades Government controlled. About to 8th Grade

Quality of work Good:when there is any teacher here.

Stores: Kind None All food and Supplies sent from Ketchikan.

Extent of stock

Prices: Milk Eggs

Butter Fresh goods

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Seasonal;Trapping;Fishing; Cannery employs all men and women willing and able to work;in summer.

Outstanding interests of people: Practically besides Trapping;fishing;there is nothing except EXISTENCE.

Community organizations: Village Council ;some members transients.

Appearance of community: Neglected.

Problems of community: Excess use of liquor

Transportation service and cost: Via boat to nearest Port or City;fare $5.00 Also by Plane : One Seat $11.00;Chartered plane $25.00 round trip Ketchikan

Needs of community: Industry .

(signed) Emma M. Stauffer
Source of information.

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SURVEY OF ALASKAN COMMUNITIES July 8, 1946

Name of Village or City: Savoonga

Population: 131 - all Eskimos but three

Racial characteristics: Full-blooded eskimos with a scattering of half-breed children adopted from Nome. A few were born in Siberia.

Lanugage of people: Eskimo

Churches: (name and size) Savoonga Presbyterian Church - 128 members

Schools: Department of Indian Affairs School

Number of Grades: 8
Quality of work: Fair

Stores: Kind Reindeer Commercial Co. Stock Co. owned by the Eskimos
Extent of stock: Enough to care for native needs

Prices: Milk 15 cents a can
Eggs None
Butter None
Fresh goods None

Employment of people: Ivory carving and trapping
(Permanent & seasonal)

Outstanding interests of people: Church and A.T.G. Are acutely aware of international relations between U.S. and Russia

Community Organizations: Town Council; Reindeer Co.; Reindeer Commercial Co. All community activities are governed by these. Also Alaska Territorial Cuard.

Appearance of community: Outsiders coming into Savoonga feel that it is a model native village for cleanliness and vitality.

Problems of community: Great problem at present is the housing shortage. This has made it impossible for young couple who would like to marry. At present we have bo school house as well as church, but we hope to have same in another year.

Transportation service and cost: Winter - dog team - $10. to Gambell
airplane - $86.50 to Nome
Summer - $40. by boat to Nome
10. by whale boat to Gambell

Needs of community: School house and church building. More books for reading They love to read, but do not have much for reading materials

(Signed) Alice S. Green
(Source of information)

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Date July 8, 1946

Name of Village or City: Savoonga

Population: 131 - all Eskimo but 3
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

✓ Racial characteristics: Full-blooded eskimo's, with a scattering of half-breed children adopted from Nome. A few were born in Siberia

Language of people: Eskimo

Churches: (name and size) Savoonga Presbyterian Church - 128 members, 100 building

✓ Schools: Kind Department of Indian Affairs School

Number of Grades 8

Quality of work Fair

Stores: Kind Reindeer Commercial Co. - Store Co. owned by the Eskimos

Extent of stock Enough to care for native needs

Prices: Milk $.15 a can Eggs None

Butter None Fresh goods None

✓ Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Ivory Carving and Trapping

✓ Outstanding interests of people: Church and A.T.G. Are acutely aware of international relations between U.S. and Russia

Community organizations: Town Council; Reindeer Co.; Reindeer Commercial Co. All community activities are governed by these. Also Alaska Territorial Guard

✓ Appearance of community: Outsiders coming into Savoonga feel that it is a model native village for cleanliness and hospitality.

✓ Problems of community: Greatest problem at present is the housing shortage. This has made it impossible for young couples who would like to do many things. At present we have no school house as well as church, but we hope to have same in another year.

Transportation service and cost: Winter - Dog team $10.00 to Gambell - airplane $6.50 to Nome - Summer $40.00 by boat to Nome $10.00 by whale boat to Gambell

Needs of community: School house and Church Building. More books for reading. They love to read, but do not have much for reading material

(signed) Alice S. Green

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SURVEY of ALASKAN COMMUNITIES
Board of National Missions-Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Date August 21, 1946

Name of Village or City: Barrow

Population: about 600 natives in the winter - (100 to 200 go "Inland" during the summer) about 25 white people
(With proportion of races and seasonal migrations)

Racial characteristics: Tendency toward instability

Language of people: Eskimo and limited English

Churches: (name and size) Oatkeavik Presbyterian -

Schools: Kind Alaska Native Service

Number of Grades 8

Quality of work Pupils are retarded several years in work.

Stores: Kind Native store and private store

Extent of stock Stock is exhausted long before the year is out.

Prices: Milk _____ Eggs only powdered - 60¢ a box
1 box = 1 doz eggs.

Butter none Fresh goods none

Employment of people (Permanent & Seasonal): Navy Construction camps - Stores, the hospital - weather bureau, A.C.S. and mission + school as helpers. Hunting + fishing, and sewing for white people.

Outstanding interests of people: Fishing + hunting or working somewhere so they may have a good living. Food, Shelter + Clothing.

Community organizations: Church + school groups and A. F. G.

Appearance of community: Very poor

Problems of community: Poor housing + heating + health
moral problems connected with Construction camp

Transportation service and cost: dog teams + boats. they own their own or stay home.

Needs of community: Better housing, recreation center (?)
something done about T. B.

(signed) Samuel Lee

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